

# WITH THE 'PRESS GANG.'

What the Keen-Witted Afro-American Quill Drivers Say of us and Other Matters.

The Colored American is the leading race paper in the United States. It is always full of news.—*Southwestern Herald, Victoria, Texas.*

## DISCORD IN CHURCH ORGANS.

It is remarkable that the coarsest expressions bordering on profanity, to be found in any of our exchanges, are in the church organs.—*Baltimore Lancet.*

"The Man-on-the-Corner," in the Colored American, is being discussed all over the city. His pertinent paragraphs, spicy shots and humorous hits have endeared him to literary Washington and his criticisms are caustic and searching.—*W. T. Menard in New York Age.*

## "LADY OF THE TIGER" AGAIN.

Director Merriam says he is not responsible for the dismissal of Negro clerks, as the clerks for permanent retention were named by the Senators and Congressmen. Now, are the Negroes in the North, East and West going to vote for Congressmen, this fall?—*St. Luke's Herald.*

Editor E. E. Cooper, of the Washington (District of Columbia) Colored American, whose cut appears in this issue of the Times-Speaker, is a man that the Speaker delights to do honor. He is one of the race's most trusty leaders, and as a newspaper man and all around hustler, perhaps he stands without a peer among Afro-American journalists. He is a man whose name is bound to live in after years as a landmark in Negro journalism.—*Times-Speaker, Denver, Colo.*

## LET'S FIGHT THE COMMON ENEMY.

Harry Smith of the Cleveland Gazette has declared a never-ending war on E. E. Cooper, of the Washington Colored American. Smith has made out against Mr. Cooper a case of crookedness. Cooper replies that Smith is disgraced and that the charges are without foundation. Thus matters stand. Well, boys, let us call the bet off and begin the attack upon the common enemy.—*Dallas Express.*

## MERRIAM COULDN'T HELP HIMSELF.

Mr. Merriam tried his hardest to keep those (the few colored clerks retained by Congressional influence) out, but he couldn't help those who remained. The Census, under Merriam and Merriamism will be remembered for its unfairness to Afro-Americans, and its cringing to Democrats, to whom Merriam is connected by natural affinity and political affiliation. But he could not prevent the race from being represented, for if he could, the permanent Census which goes into effect to-day, would contain no Afro-American and yet Merriam is a Republican and a Northerner.—*Roscoe Simmons, in Charleston (W. Va.) Advocate.*

## A MUCH-BESIEGED MAN.

Speaking further of office seeking, a much-besieged man is Hon. John C. Dancy, Recorder of Deeds. Mr. Dancy has many positions at his disposal and is kept very busy attending to routine work and dodging office seekers. "Un-easy lies the head that wears a crown" and no doubt Mr. Dancy feels the full force of this aphorism. Patriots from his native State—North Carolina—are flocking to the National Capital and those from other States approach him with the distress sign of the Masonic fraternity, the True Reformers and the A. M. E. Zion Church, the genial Recorder being a member of all of these organizations. We extend our sympathy to Mr. Dancy and we learn that he is compelled, at the close of his official duties, to take a circuitous route to reach his haven of rest.—*W. T. Menard in New York Age.*

## NAME AND FAME THAT WILL LIVE.

Edward E. Cooper, manager and founder of the Washington (D. C.) Colored American, and the greatest newspaper hustling success of the age,

is being scored by several of the Afro-American quill drivers. Inasmuch as Ed. has done more than any other living Afro-American for the making and carrying on of successful journalism, it strikes us that those who are opposing and cussing him are not only acting foolishly, but they are advertising the race in general to a disadvantage. The Freeman and Colored American are probably the two most widely read Negro newspapers in America. Ed Cooper is the founder of them both, and his name and fame will live as long as Negro journals continue to be published. Mr. Cooper is a great big-hearted man and has a following equal or larger than that of any living Afro-American pencil-pusher.—*Times-Speaker, Denver, Colo.*

## CHURCHES AT ODDS.

Richmond, Va., July 10.—The row between John Mitchell, editor of the Planet, and the First Baptist Church, has broken out afresh.

Mitchell was recently expelled from the church, and united with the Fifth Street Baptist Church. The First Church sent a letter demanding that Mitchell be expelled, and, failing to do so, the hand of fellowship would be withdrawn from the Fifth Street Church. The Fifth Street Church held a council to-day and declined to accede to the demands of the First Street Church. Mitchell recently criticised in his paper the methods of church government prevailing at the First Church. His expulsion followed. The member-



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## THE TRUE REFORMERS.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found many important facts bearing upon the history, scope and influence of the United Order of True Reformers, of the leaders who have built up this massive race organization, and a fine "cut" and description of the magnificent structure the Order is about to erect in this city. The matter presented this week, while necessarily brief and lacking in many statistical details, gives a comprehensive survey along general lines of the work that is being accomplished for the moral and material uplift of the Negro people, and will be read with much interest and profit. The wonderful growth of the Order among masses and classes is the best evidence of its worth, and of the intelligent direction of its chieftains.

In addition to the important record revealed in the sketches of individuals, THE COLORED AMERICAN, with pardonable pride, presents to each and every reader a finely executed engraving of the Grand Master of the Order of True Reformers. It is in four colors and its

ship of the two churches is over 6,000. Feeling between the two churches runs high. The leading colored men of the city are members of the First Church.

## Solving The Problem.

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the Paris Exposition has been awarded a diploma and a medal. The South Carolina Exposition has awarded a medal also.

Scholarships.—Realizing the importance of some means of aiding a great many deserving young men who are unable to sustain themselves in school, President Dudley has devised a plan, and an effort is being put forth to raise a number of scholarships. It is not the intention to defray the entire expenses of these students, but to encourage them. These scholarships are to the amount of twenty-five dollars, and it is the aim to raise them among the colored people.

It is true that the colored race should begin to rely more upon themselves for aid. The more they do for themselves the more they can do, and the more



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beauty speaks for itself. It is the second of our series of supplements, and every citizen with a scintilla of race pride, as well as every True Reformer, should procure a copy and give this portrait a prominent place in their homes.

worthy they are to receive aid from their white friends. Therefore a direct appeal is made to the colored people to contribute their personal and financial help to this movement, though the school will be glad to receive any aid our white friends see fit to offer.

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